



# Department of Defense INSTRUCTION

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SUBJECT: Defense Standardization Program (DSP)

References: (a) Sections 2451 and 2452 of title 10, United States Code  
(b) DoD 4120.3-M, "Defense Standardization Program (DSP) Policies and Procedures," July 1993, authorized by this Instruction  
(c) DoD 5025.1-M, "DoD Directives System Procedures," August 1994, authorized by DoD Directive 5025.1, June 24, 1994

## 1. PURPOSE

This Instruction:

1.1. Implements a DSP as required by reference (a), assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures.

1.2. Designates the Director, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), as the DoD Executive Agent for the DSP.

1.3. Authorizes continued publication of reference (b), consistent with reference (c), to provide guidance and procedures for the DSP.

## 2. APPLICABILITY

This Instruction applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Defense Agencies, and the DoD Field Activities (hereafter referred to collectively as "the DoD Components").

## 3. POLICY

It is DoD policy to promote standardization of materiel, facilities, and engineering practices to improve military operational readiness, reduce total ownership costs, and reduce acquisition cycle time. There shall be a single, integrated DSP and a uniform series of specifications, standards, and related documents.

#### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology shall provide overall policy guidance.

4.2. The Director, Defense Logistics Agency, shall appoint the DoD Standardization Executive and develop, maintain, and publish DoD 4120.3-M (reference (b)).

The DoD Standardization Executive shall have authority over all functions of the DSP, shall chair the Defense Standardization Council in accordance with enclosure E1., and serve as the Standardization Executive for the DoD Components without a designated Standardization Executive.

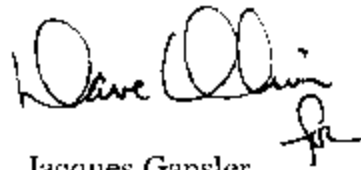
4.3. The Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Heads of the Other DoD Components shall ensure compliance with DSP policies and procedures of reference (b).

#### 5. PROCEDURES

The DoD Components shall implement policies and procedures in reference (b).

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Instruction is effective immediately.

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Jacques Gansler  
Under Secretary of Defense  
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Enclosures - 1

1. Charter, Defense Standardization Council

## E1. ENCLOSURE 1

### CHARTER DEFENSE STANDARDIZATION COUNCIL

I. Purpose. This Charter establishes the rules and procedures for the operation of the Defense Standardization Council. The Council provides senior management oversight and direction for implementing the DSP and other initiatives related to specifications and standards.

II. Composition of the Defense Standardization Council. The Council is composed of the DoD Standardization Executive and the Standardization Executives from the Military Departments and the DLA. The DoD Standardization Executive will chair the meetings. Other DoD Components will be invited to participate on an ad hoc basis as the agenda warrants.

### III. Roles and Responsibilities

#### A. Role of the Defense Standardization Council

1. Direct the implementation of business process improvement initiatives that relate to specifications and standards.
2. Develop policies to improve acquisition through the use of standardization, commercial and nondevelopmental items, acquisition streamlining, and other related functions.
3. Identify goals and the resources necessary to accomplish these goals.
4. Influence resource commitment decisions to implement the DSP.
5. Support the development and use of interoperability standards for national and international use.
6. Resolve issues that cannot be resolved at a lower level.
7. Establish ad hoc working groups, as required, to conduct studies or recommend solutions to problems.

#### B. Role of the Chair

1. Call and conduct meetings of the Council.
2. Assign tasks and projects to the DoD Components.

C. Role of the Members

1. Participate in Council activities.
2. Recommend agenda items to be considered by the Council.
3. Ensure that the policies, procedures, and decisions of the Council are implemented by the DoD Component.
4. Provide participants to serve on ad hoc working groups established by the Council.

IV. Operating Procedures

- A. Meetings. The Council will meet at the call of the Chair.
- B. Agenda. The agenda will be furnished to the members in advance of each meeting.
- C. Minutes. Minutes will be prepared and distributed after each meeting to the members.